constitution. After its operationalisatiorv, the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments will submit the proposals relating to restructuring/ revival/closure of CPSEs, as the case may be, to the Board for advice and based on such advice, the decision of the Government will be sought by these Ministries/Departments.

Development and expansion of technical education

†346. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for the development and expansion of technical education in view of the increasing unemployment in the country;

(b) the amount allocated for expansion of technical education during 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the number of unemployed youths benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI); (a) to (c) Development and expansion of technical education is an ongoing process. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been established under an Act of Parliament for proper planning and coordinated development of the technical education system throughout the country. The AICTE grants approval for starting new technical institutions, introduction of new courses and increase in students' intake. There has been a continuous growth in the number of technical institutions and according to AICTE, there are 1346 Engineering and Technology Degree Institutions with intake of about 4.40 lakhs and 1244 Diploma Institutions with intake of about 2.65 lakhs as on 10.8.2004. Budgetary support during 2003-04 and 2004-05 for Technical Education Sector is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	2003-04 (Sanctioned)	2004-05 (Allocation)
Plan Non-	625.07	750.00
Plan	774.51	844.90
Total	1399.58	1594.90

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There is, however, no State-wise allocation of funds for technical education.

Rehabilitation of poor and helpless widows

†347. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any package for rehabilitation of poor and helpless widows in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATIKANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have launched a scheme called Swadhar which seeks to rehabilitate the women in difficult circumstances including poor and helpless widows by a shelter based holistic and integrated approach. The components under this scheme include shelter, food, counseling, medical and legal support, training for the economic rehabilitation of women and helpline facilities. So far, 48 projects benefiting around 4500 women have been sanctioned since its inception in 2001-02.

(c) State-wise amount spent and amount sanctioned since inception given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise funds spent and amount sanctioned since inception under Swadhar Scheme

(Amount in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the States	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (Amt. sanctioned as on 30.11.2004)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh		32.83		5.10
2.	Assam				36.50
3.	Gujarat		95.50	16.69	7.41
4.	Haryana		7.90	12,88	10.20

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